

# LOUANN CICCONE

*First woman to serve as Secretary for Program and Policy for Assembly Speaker*



LouAnn Ciccone is secretary for Program and Policy for Speaker Carl E. Heastie, and is the first woman to serve in this role for the New York State Assembly. She is a top advisor to the Speaker and plays a critical role in matters pertaining to the adoption of the annual state budget and the Assembly's legislative priorities. She manages a staff of more than 100 employees who are responsible for advancing the Assembly Majority's policy agenda.

A 27-year veteran of the Assembly, LouAnn's tenure has spanned the administrations of three speakers and five governors. She began her career with the Assembly as an intern in 1992. Since then, she served in various capacities for the Assembly's Program and Policy group.

LouAnn has been instrumental in advancing progressive initiatives to help improve the lives of all New Yorkers. Throughout her career she has played an integral role in passage of legislation to make paid family leave, minimum wage increases, equal pay for equal work, safe workplaces, and rights and protections for domestic violence survivors a reality in New York State. She has been a driving force on women's health, shepherding through legislation requiring mammography screenings, bone density tests and cervical cancer screenings as well as the Women's Health and Wellness Act and a myriad of issues related to accessible, affordable healthcare. LouAnn Ciccone was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. She earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from SUNY New Paltz.